

U.S. Application No. 09/871,821  
Response dated November 7, 2005  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The Examiner required restriction to one of two identified claim groupings. In response, Applicant has elected claims 25-56 (Group II), and cancelled claims 1 – 24 (Group I).

Applicant makes this election without prejudice to filing subsequent divisional applications to the cancelled claims.

Claim 25 was rewritten in independent format including all of the subject matter of cancelled claim 1, from which original claim 25 depended. Likewise, claim 26 was revised to include the subject matter of claim 1, from which original claim 26 depended.

A typographical error was corrected in claim 52.

We believe no fee is required. However, if a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 501593, in the name of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

Applicant submits that the application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable action to that end is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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